



SOUTHERN GROUP OF STATE FORESTERS

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Columbia, SC

June 7-11, 2008

“The Future of the Southern Forestry Agency”

GENERAL AGENDA

***** All attire is business casual unless otherwise designated *****

Saturday (June 7)

- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Early Registration open in the Hilton Hotel lobby.
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting at the Hilton – Yellow Jasmine Room.
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Optional Kayak/Canoe trip on the Saluda River in Columbia.
Meet in Hilton lobby at 2:30 p.m.
- Airport transportation provided to the Hilton for those requesting.
Attendees are on their own for all meals, but this is a good evening to check out the restaurants in the VISTA.
- 5:00 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite in the Hilton Hotel open. (Room 808)

Sunday (June 8)

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
- 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Exhibitors set-up.
- 8:00 a.m. Registration desk open in the Convention Center.
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting at the Hilton.
- 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome Luncheon (Ballroom C of Convention Center).
Welcome to Columbia – Mayor Bob Coble
Governor Sanford's Policy Advisor – Justin Evans
SC From the Mountains to the Sea – Rudy Mancke
Southern Group's Mission and Opportunities – Pete Roussopoulos
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. Fire Compact Meeting for State Foresters and Fire Chiefs. The Management Chiefs, Urban Coordinators and Communications Committees meet and prepare issues for discussion with State Forester Liaisons.
- 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Committees meet with State Forester Liaisons.

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	State Foresters, Fire Chiefs, Management Chiefs, Urban Coordinators and Communications Committee Meetings.
6:00 p.m.	Transportation provided for all Guests. Depart for Sunday Social at the South Carolina State Museum. Attire is casual, bring your shagging shoes.
9:00 p.m.	Transportation provided back to the hotel.
9:00 – 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Monday (June 9) Big Picture Overview on Influences to the Agency – What are the impacts and what can be done jointly at a regional level to address these issues?

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth’s Chris Steak House at hotel.
7:30 a.m.	Registration desk open in Convention Center.
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Hospitality Suite opens for spouses. (Room 808)
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	State Foresters Meet Separately. Other Committees meet together for Joint Discussion.
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
10:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Continue State Foresters Meeting.
10:00 – 12:00 noon.	Continue Joint Committees Discussion.
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Partners Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center). Speaker, Southern Forest Futures Project, David Wear.
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	State Foresters, Fire Chiefs, Management Chiefs, Urban Coordinators and Communications Committee Meetings.
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Continue Meetings of the Various Committees.
Evening	Dinner is on your own.
5:00 – 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Tuesday (June 10) Specific Opportunities for Agencies to Enhance and Expand Activities

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth’s Chris Steak House at hotel.
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7:30 a.m.	Registration/Information desk open.
8:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Hospitality Suite open for spouses. (Room 808)
8:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Partners' Panel Discussion.
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Facilitated Discussion on Agency Opportunities.
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center). SGSF 2007-08 Accomplishments.
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Various Committee Meetings.
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Continue Meetings of the Various Committees. Exhibits to be removed before the evening reception.
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Social (Convention Center in hallway). Silent Auction closes at 7pm.
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet (Ballroom C of Convention Center). Attire is dressy.
9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Wednesday (June 11) Summarization

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
7:30 a.m.	Information desk open.
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Hospitality Suite open for spouses. (Room 808)
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	General Assembly (Congaree Room of Convention Center). National and Regional Reports. Joint Committee Session Reports. Regional Redesign Proposal Brainstorming.
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break.
10:30 – 12:00 noon	SGSF Committee Reports (Congaree Room of Convention Center). Other Business. Adjourn. Lunch on your own.

8:00 – 4:00 p.m. Airport Transportation provided for those requesting.

*** If you prefer a hot breakfast buffet, one is available for an additional \$4.**